

providing a function for setting an attribute of an object;
and
providing a function for retrieving an attribute of an
object.

6. (Amended) An article comprising a medium storing
instructions that cause a processor-based system to:
receive a request from a software program;
act upon a plurality of objects based upon the request
received; and
manipulate a redundant array of independent disks modeled
by the plurality of objects.

28. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of
hardware devices comprise a redundant array of independent
disks.

29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the plurality of
objects comprise redundant array of independent disk objects.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the redundant
array of independent disk objects comprises at least one disk
object, at least one array object and at least one volume
object.

31. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein each one of the
redundant array of independent disk objects comprises at least
one method, at least one property, and at least one event.

32. (New) The method of claim 31, further comprising
communicating with at least one of the redundant array of
independent disks using the at least one property.
